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**REQUEST
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Application Number	09/737,397
Filing Date	December 15, 2000
First Named Inventor	Yasuaki Tsuchiya
Art Unit	2822
Examiner Name	Maria Guerrero
Attorney Docket Number	14162

This is a Request for Continued Examination (RCE) under 37 CFR 1.114 of the above-identified application

Request for Continued Examination (RCE) practice under 37 CFR 1.114 does not apply to any utility or plant application filed prior to June 8,

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b. Other

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INTERCONNECT

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AMENDMENT

Sir:

In response to the Office Action dated November 19, 2002, applicants submit the following amendment for entry in the above-identified case.

IN THE CLAIMS:

Please cancel Claims 2 and 8 without prejudice.

Please amend Claims 1, 3, 5, 6, 9 and 12 as follows:

1. (Amended) A process for forming a metal interconnect comprising the steps of forming a concave in an insulating film formed on a substrate, forming a barrier metal film on the insulating film, forming an interconnect metal film over the whole surface such that the concave is filled with the metal and then polishing the surface of the substrate by chemical

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